

**City of Milton-Freewater  
City Council Minutes**

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library.

The following members were present: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors Orrin Lyon, Ed Chesnut, Sam Hopkins-Hubbard, Jeff Anliker and Steve Irving.

Councilor Brad Humbert was absent.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, City Recorder Leanne Steadman and Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer.

Citizens present were: Krysta Walker, Ben Silva, Mark Scudder, Yasmin Ceja, Micaela Epifanio, Charlene Home and Christine Boedigheimer.

Press member Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald and Samantha Tipler of the East Oregonian were also present.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

The consent calendar items consisted of council minutes from the August 22, 2011 meeting and accounts payables from September 7, 2011 through September 21, 2011.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to approve the consent calendar items. Councilor Anliker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Councilor Chesnut asked what made up the 56% revenue under the services line item on the August 2011 financials.

Manager Hall said she would research that since she did not have the financials in front of her. She said she would report her findings to the entire council.

**PRESENTATION:**

**INFORMATION AND PROJECT DESIGN PRESENTATION FROM MILTON-FREEWATER YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE PROPOSED 20 ACRE SPORTS COMPLEX**

Two representatives of the Milton-Freewater Youth Sports Association, Mark Scudder and Ben Silva gave a presentation on the proposed 20 acre Community Center/Sports Complex. The location of the project would be bordered on the south side by Cemetery Road and on the east side by Grant Road which is outside city limits but within the Urban Growth Boundary. The proposed project would consist of Little League fields; 2 baseball, 2 softball and 2 tee ball fields, a youth football/soccer field and a multi-use building. A septic tank would have to be installed and the irrigation system would have water saving heads on the sprinklers. Mr. Scudder said he had spoken with a Walla Walla River Irrigation representative who said they could piggy-back on the Cemetery's water right as long as they didn't exceed the water right allotment. Their plans for electricity were to place multiple solar panels on the roof of one of the main buildings and have four, twenty foot high, six foot wide, wind generators. The HVAC system would utilize Geothermal Technology for savings on utilities. The estimated cost of the complete project was

\$6.6 million dollars. The association has applied for a non-profit status and they have hired a grant writer who will help in researching and writing grants to help fund the project. The design plans included a storm water pond for water runoff. They felt a facility like this would not only benefit the youth in the community but it would also benefit the local businesses.

Mr. Scudder said the project would be completed in phases with the first phase being completed by 2014 that would include four fields and a football field. Construction would be contingent upon funding. The completed design included adequate parking for approximately 1000 vehicles.

Councilor Anliker liked the idea of the new complex and felt it would relieve the other fields in Milton-Freewater. He also felt it would bring business to the community.

Manager Hall complimented and thanked Mr. Scudder and Mr. Silva for their countless hours of working on the project and for presenting the project to the council. She also explained that for some grants that require a match, that "in-kind", i.e. labor, was looked at as a sufficient match.

Mr. Scudder said he was not asking the City for anything right now other than the ability to call upon staff for guidance during their planning stages.

Manager Hall responded that she felt that would not be a problem and staff would be happy to help.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard asked if the Association had received any concern regarding the bridge on 8<sup>th</sup> and whether or not it could handle the traffic. He informed Mr. Scudder that there was 300 acres on the south hill that was available.

Mr. Scudder announced there was a meeting on October 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building and it was open to the public. One of the topics of discussion at the meeting will be future fundraising.

Council thanked Mr. Scudder and Mr. Silva for their presentation.

## **INTERVIEWS:**

### **YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE APPLICANTS FOR COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

Manager Hall explained the city has had a youth in government program in place for the past several years. Currently there are youth representative vacancies on the Council, Planning Commission, Library Board and Budget Committee. With the new school year starting, Councilor Irving approached School Superintendent Jim Reger with an appeal for candidates to serve on Council and Council's advisory committees. There were five students who were interested in serving. Manager Hall introduced the three candidates who were present at the meeting for the interview process; Micaela Epifanio, Charlene Home and Yasmin Ceja. There were two other candidates that could not make it to the interview. Micaela and Charlene specifically applied for the Council vacancy while Yasmin applied for the Planning Commission vacancy. All three are seniors at Mac-Hi.

The council then took turns asking questions and having each applicant answer.

Manager Hall complimented each applicant and felt they were very poised and articulate when answering the questions. She said she was very impressed with the girls and commented on how hard of a choice the council had to make.

The council's recommendation for the vacancies will be made at the next council meeting on October 10, 2011.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2221, AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE TO REVISION NO. 2, TO EXHIBIT D OF THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION POWER SALES AGREEMENT REGARDING THE SECONDARY CREDITING SERVICES**

Manager Hall reported this revision, which covers Additional Products and Special Provisions to the Power Sales Agreement, obligates Milton-Freewater into participating in the Secondary Crediting Services, which in effect replaces the Service and Exchange Agreement. This revision also includes Milton-Freewater in the Bonneville-provided Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS). WREGIS is an accounting system that has been set up to track the Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) earned by Milton-Freewater. As a small Oregon utility, the city is obligated by law to purchase 5% of the total power requirement from renewable sources by the year 2025. The city currently offers green power at a premium of 2 cents above the current power rate. There are approximately 40 customers signed up for green power. This revision will not result in any additional fund requirement as it is a free service from BPA.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard said the contract was very difficult to interpret. He wished that council could figure out how to generate enough electricity to supply the utility customers.

Councilor Chesnut suggested researching how to capture methane gas at the landfill to generate electricity.

Manager Hall said she has also thought about that and felt it would be worth while checking into.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2221, Authorizing Signature to Revision No. 2 to Exhibit D of the Bonneville Power Administration Power Sales Agreement, Contract No. 09PB-13073. Councilor Irving seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2222, AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE TO CONTINUE WITH AN INTERSTATE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

Manager Hall reported the city has had a mutual aid agreement since 2007 with the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, Walla Walla Police Department, and the College Place Police Department as well as the Oregon agencies. She explained that it was quite common for Walla Walla and College Place law enforcement officials to assist Milton-Freewater and vice versa, in apprehending criminals that thought they would be "home free" once they crossed over the state line border. Information is shared freely across the state lines and has resulted in more crimes being solved. Manager Hall also explained that there was a "fresh pursuit" supplemental agreement that would also continue along with this agreement.

Police Chief Boedigheimer explained "fresh pursuit" or more commonly known as "hot pursuit".

Councilor Irving asked if this agreement also included the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT).

Chief Boedigheimer said no, the BENT agreement was a stand-alone contract.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2222, Resolution Authorizing Signature to Interstate Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, Walla Walla Police Department, College Place Police Department and the Milton-Freewater Police Department. Councilor Chesnut seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO APPROACH THE COUNCIL WITH ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Krysta Walker, 321 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. – announced there was a Community Workshop scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. The workshop will highlight the Constitution, Robert's Rules of Order and the functions of a City Council. The workshop is open to the public.

Ms. Walker announced there was a ceremony scheduled for Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Armory to send off Military Police of the Oregon Army National Guard who are being deployed to Afghanistan. The ceremony is scheduled to start at 2:00 p.m.

Manager Hall said she received an invitation and has passed it onto the city council.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Hall reported the tour of Seven Hills Winery that council was invited to has been schedule for Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The plan is to meet at City Hall and everyone ride together in either the van or bus.

She gave an update to support money provided to the Booster Club for the purchase of sports safety equipment. The check was originally dated September 2010 but was not cashed until May 2011. Apparently there was some misunderstanding of the validity of the check. Manager Hall assured the recipient that once a check has been issued by the city it was good. She has authorized, unless she hears otherwise from the council, to go ahead and purchase safety equipment as originally intended.

Manager Hall said she has heard that the ambulance service provider has submitted a letter of termination. She said she would research this further and report back to the council.

She then gave an update on the construction project for South Main Street. She explained the Public Works Superintendent was currently obtaining estimates to replace approximately 1300 feet of curb that was not originally included in the overall project. It was noticed once the pavement was scrapped away from the curb there were sections that need repair. This would be a change order to the project and she said she would bring it before council once the estimate was received.

### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Anliker said he noticed the intersections on Mill Street looked very rough and unfinished.

Manager Hall reported the contractor had delays at no fault of their own. There were gas and telephone lines that were not located that had to be dealt with. The city has not performed the final inspection of the project and there are some areas that the contractor has agreed to revisit. She explained part of the problem was that many streets dead end off of Mill Street therefore, the streets could not be closed off for long periods of time in order to allow access to properties past that point. The city still retains the construction bond provided by the contractor.

Councilor Irving said he had received two compliments. One was how nice Mill Street looked and the other was how accommodating a construction worker was and helped a citizen across the road. He reported that he had provided Jim Reger, Milton-Freewater Unified School District Superintendent, with a Youth Representative application to present to juniors and seniors to fill advisory committee vacancies. He commended Mr. Reger for “taking the ball and running with it”.

Councilor Chesnut announced there was a Umatilla County Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., at the Justice Center in Pendleton, Oregon. An application for a wind project from WKN Choppin, LLC is up for consideration. The project would be located southwest of Milton-Freewater.

Councilor Chesnut said he would like to send a letter of response to Bryan Wolfe, Chair of the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council, letter dated September 6, 2011. Mr. Wolfe’s letter was in response to a letter sent by the city council on June 14, 2011 regarding concerns of siting of renewable energy facilities in our area and the need to update standards. Councilor Chesnut said he will come up with a draft to be reviewed and approved.

Mayor Key asked Manager Hall to please pass on his regrets of not being able to attend the deployment ceremony on Saturday due to him being out of town on business.

Manager Hall said she certainly would.

Mayor Key announced his class held their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion over the weekend. It was very well attended and his classmates were very impressed with the facilities. A good time was had by all.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard’s new addition to his business of Sam’s Corner Market will have a “soft” kick-off over the weekend with BBQ foods. Patrons who ride in to eat their dinner by horseback will receive \$2.00 off their dinner price.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Lewis S. Key, Mayor